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MADISON (WMSN) -- School Districts throughout Wisconsin are facing budget shortfalls thanks to a school funding system many call "broken".

State School Superintendent Tony Evers Monday unveiled a plan he says would fix it. Evers says, no districts would see a cut in aid, and more than 90% would receive more money from the state. The districts that would see the greatest increases are those considered "property rich" like Madison and Middleton.

To see how the plan would affect your district - click on the following link.

<http://dpi.wi.gov/fairfunding/index.html>

Below are the details of the plan.

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The following printout provides school district level information related to the impact of State Superintendent Evers' Fair Funding proposal.

Specifically, the attachment to this document shows what each school district is receiving from the state for the following programs:

(1) 2010-11 Certified General Aid; (2) 2009-10 School Levy Tax Credit; and (3) 2010-11 High Poverty Aid.

This information is compared to the potential impact of the State Superintendent's Fair Funding proposal, which is proposed to be effective in 2012-13, as if it had applied to 2010-11.

Specifically, the Fair Funding Proposal contains the following provisions:

1. Shifting the School Levy Tax Credit, the First Dollar Credit, and High Poverty Aid to the General Aid Formula.

- 2. Setting a minimum aid level of \$3,000 per full-time equivalent (FTE) student.*
- 3. Weighting all students eligible for Free and Reduced Price lunch by an additional 20% FTE within the formula for property valuation purposes only.*
- 4. Increasing the current secondary cost ceiling from 90% of the state average shared cost per student to 100% of the state average.*
- 5. Increasing the current special adjustment aid provision from 85% of prior year state general aid to 90% of prior year state general aid.*
- 6. Providing an additional \$420 million over the 2011-13 biennium (2% and 4% annual increases respectively in 2011-12 and 2012-13).*
- 7. Including a new \$7 million hold harmless provision in 2012-13 to ensure that every school district receives the same amount of total state support it would have otherwise received absent this proposal.*

The State Superintendent's Fair Funding proposal includes shifting both the existing School Levy Tax Credit (funded at \$747.4 million in 2009-10 and 2010-11) and the First Dollar Credit into the General Aid formula in 2012-13. However, \$150 million in funding for the First Dollar Credit in 2010-11 is not reflected in this printout as such credits are not allocated by school district on a statewide basis.